



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Sorsogon
CITY OF SORSOGON



Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON JULY 14, 2020.

PRESENT:

HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

BACON DISTRICT

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda
Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

EAST DISTRICT

Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano
Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola
Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla
Hon. Joven G. Laura

WEST DISTRICT

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon
Hon. Erwin J. Duana
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III- on official business
Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon- on official business
Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion

Resolution No. 164, Series of 2020

(Author: Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda and Hon. Joven G. Laura)

RESOLUTION MOST RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DepEd- CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION IN PARTICIPATION WITH THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, AND THE SP COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE TO FORMULATE, DRAFT AND ISSUE A LOCAL MANUAL FOR PROGRAMS, STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR THE NEW NORMAL DISTANCE LEARNING MODALITIES TO BE OBSERVED AND IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

WHEREAS, the state gives importance to education in adherence to the 1987 Philippine Constitution, under Article II, Section 17, which states: "The state shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerated social progress and promote total liberation and development";

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State that quality education is an inalienable right of all Filipinos, thus, the State shall protect and promote the rights of all students to quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make such quality education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, RA 9155, otherwise known as the Basic Education Act of 2001, declares that, “it is the State’s policy to promote the right of all citizens to quality basic education and make such education accessible to all Filipinos by providing free and compulsory education in the elementary level, and free education in the high level as well as alternative learning system for out-of-school youths and adult learners”;

WHEREAS, recognizing the vulnerability of the child and his key role in the future of the nation, the 1987 Constitution provides, “that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being”;

WHEREAS, due to Covid 19 pandemic and the proposed new normal distance learning modalities, the City Government through the DepEd- City Schools Division in participation with the Local School Board, and the SP Committee on Education, Arts, Culture and Heritage is thereby requested to draft a local manual for programs, strategies and policies for the new normal distance learning modalities to be adopted in the City of Sorsogon in consistent with the national policies issued by the Department of Education and approved by the national government, so as to allow the City Government to prepare and allocate/appropriate the necessary provisions and budgets for the local programs and strategies they may see it fit, effective and efficient under the new normal learning modalities or strategies in our communities;

WHEREAS, among the 10-Point Agenda of the present administration are the Sulay sa Futuro (Youth Assistance Program) and the YES! to Children Assistance Program which shall provide hope among our youth and children to continue their education in the midst of the pandemic and under the new normal learning strategies;

WHEREAS, the measure aims to enable the students of Sorsogon City who may have either none or limited access to education through due to pandemic to attend and finish their formal basic education under the new normal;

WHEREAS, Sec. 17 of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the local government units shall endeavor to be self-reliant and shall continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them, may also discharge the functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them pursuant to said code and shall likewise exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provision of the basic services and facilities enumerated therein such as but not limited to:

- Infrastructure facilities intended primarily to service the needs of the residents of the city and which are funded out of city funds including, but not limited to xxx school buildings and other facilities for public elementary and secondary schools.
- Adequate communication and transportation facilities.
- Support for education, police and fire services and facilities.

WHEREAS, Sec. 99 of RA 7160 provides that the Local School Board shall serve as an advisory committee to the sanggunian concerned on educational matters such as, but

not limited to the necessity for and the uses of local appropriations for educational purposes;

WHEREAS, Sec. 100 of the same code likewise provides that the annual school board budget shall give priority among others to the construction, repair, and maintenance of school buildings and other facilities of public elementary and secondary schools and establishment and maintenance of extension classes where necessary;

WHEREAS, SP Committee on Education, Arts, Culture and Heritage has the jurisdiction to all matters relating to education and schools, non-formal and community education and implementation of the constitutional provisions on free elementary and secondary education;

WHEREAS, every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom; as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, maintain peace and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **City Councilor Joven G. Laura**, duly seconded by the **City Councilor Franco Eric O. Ravanilla**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to most respectfully request the DepEd- City Schools Division in participation with the Local School Board, and the SP Committee on Education, Arts, Culture and Heritage to formulate, draft and issue a local manual for programs, strategies and policies for the new normal distance learning modalities to be observed and implemented within the City of Sorsogon.

RESOLVED FURTHER, resolved further that copies of this resolution be furnished to all concerned for their information and guidance.

DATE APPROVED: **July 14, 2020**

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.



DAN G. ALCALA

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:



MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer